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To: Grattan Puxon, secretary

Dear Grattan,

Concerning personal data collection as to welfare needs I have received a telephone call today from someone at the Council looking to arrange this. I questioned the purpose and I was told they had to do it to provide a report to a committee in December and then to be included in the JR trial bundle.

I did not accept this. I asked whether the Council was making its decision afresh, in which case the JR was a challenge to the 2005 decision and not to a decision made in December 2007. I insisted on being told in writing what exactly the purpose was before cooperation would be given. At that point she said she would have to refer back to the legal dept as she was not a lawyer.

So, as it stands the welfare enquiries should not be undertaken. However, it is possible that, on the ground, they might try and proceed regardless. I would advise against people cooperating and each in turn should say that requests should be made via me.
Best wishes

Keith